of scrimmious charges, because of a rumor concerning fraudulent land sales, is usually sufficient to squelch whatever factual basis there may have been in the rumor. Very often, the rumors are just malicious in intent, as seems to have been the case in the following instances.

Rumor supporting reverse family dispute. Ciro Ango is not liked by his father's god-father's daughter. Through the system of compadrazgo they are considered to be family, /kilutála/. She apparently spends a good deal of time gossiping about Ciro, much to his annoyance, and although he would very much like to complain to the /ʔin³ti/, he does not do so because they are family. When Ciro lent some land to Perdomo in Borocto, she claimed that the land was not his and he had no right to make the loan. She generally spreads rumors of illegal land deals involving him. One day as he was studying in his house, three of the Cimarcón brothers and their mother visited him because they had heard that he had sold their land in Borocto to a Negro. The old woman burst into tears saying that she had once given a feast in honor of Ciro's dead mother.

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